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Mr. William Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation

In The Matter Of Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access To The Internet Over Cable And Other Facilities

Gen Docket No. 00-185

Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 27, 2002, Betsy Brady of AT&T Corp., Douglas Garrett of AT&T Broadband, and the undersigned met with Kenneth Ferree, Sarah Whitesell, and Marjorie Greene of the Cable Services Bureau regarding the above-captioned proceeding. We discussed the need for the Commission to establish a uniform national policy for cable modem service. We noted that accomplishing this goal would be aided if Commission's order in this proceeding clarified local franchising authorities' lack of jurisdiction over interstate information services and took into account the characterization of cable modem service by the U.S. District Court last month in *Verizon v. Cox Communications*.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2), a copy of this notice has been filed electronically with the Secretary's office. Copies have also been transmitted electronically to the Commission personnel in the meetings.

Sincerely,

Howard J. Symons

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cc: Kenneth Ferree Sarah Whitesell Marjorie Greene